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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) propose to impart engineering education online to the students across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be made operational?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) to (c): Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) have taken several steps to impart engineering education online. Towards this end, the Ministry is supporting National Programme on Technology Enhanced Learning (NPTEL), the main objective of which is to enhance the quality of engineering education in the country by developing curriculum based video and web-courses by all IITs and IISc, Bangalore. IIT Kanpur has developed a software called Brihaspati wherein courses being taught by it are available on the Institute's web-site. These are accessible to universities / organizations across the country.